

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Nebraska

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act).

## STATUTE

**Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act)**

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Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above. **Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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## Executive summary

This report covers the Nebraska cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 93 Nebraska counties included in this dataset.

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### ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

yes

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

yes

### INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

no — Sales must be direct-to-consumer. Wholesale to restaurants, grocery stores, or distributors is not permitted under the cottage food framework. Non-TCS foods may be mailed; TCS foods must be delivered in person by the producer within 2 hours.

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### RESEARCH NOTES

The input cited §81-2,239.05 which is actually the short title/citation provision of the Nebraska Pure Food Act (defining the Act's citation range §§81-2,239 to 81-2,292). The operative cottage food section is §81-2,280 (Producer of food at private home). The statute was originally enacted in 2019 (LB 304) and significantly amended in 2024 (LB 262, effective July 19, 2024) to expand permitted foods including some TCS items. NDA website confirms registration requirement and food restrictions. The nebraska.gov statute URL returned 403; text confirmed via NDA cottage food page and the legislature's statutes page for §81-2,280 (successful fetch). Nebraska University Extension also confirms 2024 update. No sales cap exists.

## Nebraska Revised Statutes Chapter 81, Section 81-2,280 — Producer of Food at Private Home; Requirements; Registration; Contents (Nebraska Pure Food Act)

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**CITATION**

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act)

**ENACTED**

2019

**LAST AMENDED**

2024

**CONFIDENCE**

HIGH

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### Allowed foods

Non-time/temperature-control-for-safety (non-TCS) foods prepared in a private home may be sold directly to consumers at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, or via home pickup and delivery. As of LB262 (effective July 19, 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted with additional handling requirements. There is no annual sales cap.

### Prohibited foods

TCS foods with the greatest risk are prohibited: animal parts, raw milk products, raw eggs, unpasteurized juice, infused oils or honey, sprouts, low-acid canned/hermetically sealed acidified foods, tofu/tempeh, and kimchi/kombucha. Wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores is not allowed under this framework.

### Labeling requirements

Labels must include the producer's name and address on every package or container. TCS foods must additionally list ingredients in descending order of predominance. A clearly visible notification must inform consumers that the food was prepared in a kitchen not subject to regulation/inspection and may contain allergens.

## Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

### Statute excerpt — verbatim

81-2,280. Producer of food at private home; requirements; registration; contents. (1) A producer of food at a private home as described in subdivision (7) of section 81-2,245.01 shall meet the requirements of this section. (2) Such producer shall only provide food that is not adulterated and is not any of the following types of time/temperature control for safety food: (a) Any part of an animal, vertebrate or invertebrate, or animal by-product; (b) Fluid milk or milk products as defined in the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance adopted by reference in the Nebraska Milk Act; (c) Raw eggs; (d) Unpasteurized juice; (e) Infused oils or honey; (f) Sprouts; (g) Low-acid canned food and hermetically sealed acidified food; (h) Tofu, tempeh, or similar meat substitutes; or (i) Kimchi, kombucha, or similar fermented foods. (3) Prior to conducting any food sales, the producer, other than a producer selling food that is not time/temperature control for safety food directly to the consumer at a farmers market, shall successfully complete a nationally accredited food safety and handling education course. (4) The producer shall register with the department prior to conducting any sales of food. (5)(a) The producer shall inform the consumer by a clearly visible notification that the food was prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection by a regulatory authority; and may contain allergens. (6) The producer shall label the food so that the name and address of the producer is provided to the consumer on the package or container label. (8) The provisions of this section supersede and preempt any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution regulating food safety and handling adopted or enacted by a political subdivision that is not in conformance with this section.

Source: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2%2C280>

## Official sources

**Statute** <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,239.05>

**State dept page** [https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

**Extension service** <https://food.unl.edu/article/cottage-food-laws-nebraska>

**Forrager.com** <https://forrager.com/law/nebraska/>

State dept of agriculture / health: **Nebraska Department of Agriculture**

## County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 93 Nebraska counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 114 · FIPS 31055 · Omaha

### Douglas County

Population 582,638 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

#### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Non-TCS foods only (LB 262 of 2024 expanded allowed foods but still excludes: animal products/byproducts, raw milk/milk products, raw eggs, unpasteurized juice, infused oils/honey, sprouts, low-acid canned/hermetically sealed foods, tofu/tempeh/meat substitutes, kimchi/kombucha). All products must be prepared in private home per LB 262 (2024). Registration with Nebraska Dept of Agriculture required. Accredited food safety course required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Private well water: must be tested for nitrates and bacteria and results included in registration. Municipal water: no testing required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required via accredited food safety course compliance
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Standard home kitchen storage; safe handling to prevent adulteration

#### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection; Nebraska state law preempts local ordinances for cottage food operations (§81-2,280(8): state provisions supersede and preempt any political subdivision ordinance not in conformance)
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Nebraska §81-2,280(8) explicitly preempts local government ordinances regarding food safety and handling that are not in conformance with state law. However, this preemption covers food safety regulations — general home occupation/zoning permits from Douglas County/Omaha may still be required. City of Omaha has home occupation permit requirements under its zoning code. Douglas County (unincorporated areas) may also have home occupation rules. Contact Douglas County Planning or City of Omaha Planning for zoning-specific requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct consumer sales: farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, other public events, home pickup/delivery. Online/mail order within Nebraska and to states where legal. Non-TCS foods may be delivered via mail/commercial courier. TCS foods must be delivered in person by producer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

### Relevant county code

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (cottage food preemption clause in subsection 8). Local: City of Omaha Zoning Code home occupation provisions.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska §81-2,280(8) has a strong preemption clause for food safety/handling ordinances. LB 262 (2024) updated the law to expand allowed foods and clarify that all products must be made in private home. State registration required (free, online). Accredited food safety course required. Private well water testing required. No sales cap. Douglas County/Omaha: state preemption covers food safety ordinances but general home occupation/zoning rules from City of Omaha or Douglas County unincorporated zoning may still apply. City of Omaha-specific home occupation permit details not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.douglascounty-ne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/>

RANK 219 · FIPS 31109 · Lincoln

## Lancaster County

Population 322,063 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280; registration required; food handler certificate required; direct sales only; no annual sales cap · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NDA registration required; food handler certificate required; direct to consumer sales only (farmers markets, events, roadside stands); no TCS foods; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified. City of Lincoln may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, fairs, festivals, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

### Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Lancaster County includes Lincoln, NE's capital city. NE requires registration and food handler cert. No county-specific cottage food rules found. Lincoln city may have home occupation rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lancaster.ne.gov>

[https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

RANK 348 · FIPS 31153 · Papillion

# Sarpy County

Population 191,272 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Nebraska cottage food law (§81-2,280, significantly amended by LB262 effective July 19, 2024) allows non-TCS foods from a private home kitchen plus some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required. Food handler certification required. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores). No annual sales cap. Sarpy County is in the Omaha metro area.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** No explicit state-level pet restriction in Nebraska cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.

**WATER SUPPLY** No specific water testing requirement documented for Nebraska cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING** Food handler certification required, covering handwashing and hygiene.

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-TCS foods standard; some TCS foods now allowed (LB262, 2024) with specific handling requirements. Prohibited: animal parts, raw milk, raw eggs, unpasteurized juice, infused oils/honey, sprouts, low-acid/hermetically-sealed acidified foods, tofu/tempeh, kimchi/kombucha.

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** no — No routine inspection under Nebraska cottage food law. Nebraska Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.

<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — Sarpy County and municipalities (Papillion, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, Ralston) may require home occupation permits. Contact Sarpy County Planning Department ( <a href="http://sarpy.gov">sarpy.gov</a> ) or relevant municipal planning office. Nebraska does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Nebraska cottage food allows direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, events, home pickup, and delivery. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit employee cap in Nebraska cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

### Relevant county code

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280; Sarpy County zoning ordinances (contact Planning for home occupation)

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska state baseline applies. Sarpy County (county seat: Papillion) is the fastest-growing county in Nebraska, part of the Omaha metro area. Nebraska LB262 (2024) was a significant expansion allowing some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.sarpy.gov>

[https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,239.05>

RANK 843 · FIPS 31079 · Grand Island

## Hall County

Population 62,575 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (as amended by LB262, effective July 19, 2024) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and delivery. LB262 (2024) also allows some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods primarily; some TCS foods allowed under LB262 with handling requirements. Prohibited: raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, raw sprouts, infused oils, tofu/tempeh, kimchi/kombucha, low-acid canned/hermetically sealed goods.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hall County includes Grand Island, Nebraska's fourth-largest city. County govt URL confirmed at <a href="http://hallcountyne.gov">hallcountyne.gov</a> . Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning at (308) 385-5041 for local home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at public events, home pickup/delivery. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores under this framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

## Relevant county code

Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning for local requirements

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska LB262 (2024) expanded cottage food to allow some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required; food handler cert required. Hall County (Grand Island) is a significant agricultural and meat processing hub in south-central Nebraska. County govt URL confirmed. No specific county overrides found.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hallcountyne.gov>

[https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,280>

RANK 986 · FIPS 31019 · Kearney

## Buffalo County

Population 50,103 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Non-TCS foods plus certain TCS foods (as expanded by LB262, effective July 2024). Must register with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Food handler certification required. Direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, public events, home pickup, and delivery allowed. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state cottage food law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Not specified in state cottage food law.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitation practices required per food handler certification.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS products required for standard cottage food. Some TCS foods permitted with LB262 expanded framework with additional handling requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** no — No routine kitchen inspection. NDA may investigate on complaint.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** conditional — Buffalo County (county seat Kearney) has a county government. Buffalo County website found in input (buffalocounty.ne.gov). City of Kearney may require local business license. No specific Buffalo County cottage food ordinances found in research. Recommend verifying with Buffalo County and City of Kearney planning.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct-to-consumer sales at public events, home pickup, and delivery. No wholesale or retail distribution.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280; LB262 (2024); Buffalo County zoning code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska expanded cottage food rules in 2024 (LB262) to allow some TCS foods with additional requirements. Food handler certification required. Buffalo County has county govt website in input. No Buffalo County-specific cottage food ordinances found in research.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.buffalocounty.ne.gov>

[https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,280>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31001 · Hastings

## Adams County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Adams County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

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# Antelope County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

### RESEARCH NOTES

Antelope County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31005 · Arthur

## Arthur County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT no

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Arthur County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31007 · Harrisburg

## Banner County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Banner County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31009 · Brewster

# Blaine County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Blaine County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31011 · Albion

# Boone County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Boone County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31013 · Alliance

# Box Butte County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

### RESEARCH NOTES

Box Butte County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31015 · Butte

## Boyd County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

### RESEARCH NOTES

Boyd County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31017 · Ainsworth

## Brown County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

### RESEARCH NOTES

Brown County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31021 · Tekamah

## Burt County

Population 6,459 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Burt County is primarily rural/agricultural. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal zoning regulation. Home occupation permit requirements, if any, would be administered by Burt County Planning. City of Tekamah has its own municipal zoning for properties within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Burt County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county planning office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Burt County is a small rural county (pop. ~6,459). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. County zoning, if any, is agricultural-focused and unlikely to restrict home-based food production.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.burtcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31023 · David City

## Butler County

Population 8,394 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Butler County is primarily rural/agricultural. Unincorporated areas may have minimal county zoning. Home occupation requirements, if any, administered by Butler County Planning. City of David City has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Butler County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county planning office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Butler County is a small rural county (pop. ~8,394). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.butlercountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31025 · Plattsmouth

## Cass County

Population 27,132 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Cass County is a larger eastern Nebraska county near Omaha metro area. County zoning regulations likely include home occupation provisions for unincorporated areas. City of Plattsmouth has its own municipal zoning. Home occupation permit may be required depending on zoning district.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Cass County zoning regulations; check with Cass County Planning & Zoning

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Cass County (pop. ~27,132) is an eastern NE county with more developed zoning given proximity to Omaha metro. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. County may have home occupation zoning standards worth confirming.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cassne.org/planning>

<https://www.cassne.org>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31027 · Hartington

## Cedar County

Population 8,402 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cedar County is primarily rural/agricultural in northeastern Nebraska. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. Home occupation requirements, if any, administered by Cedar County. City of Hartington has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Cedar County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Cedar County is a small rural county (pop. ~8,402) in northeastern NE. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cedarcountyne.org>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31029 · Imperial

## Chase County

Population 3,924 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Chase County is a small, sparsely populated county in southwestern Nebraska. Unincorporated areas very likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Imperial has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Chase County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Chase County is a very small rural county (pop. ~3,924). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.chasecountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31031 · Valentine

## Cherry County

Population 5,689 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Cherry County is the largest county by area in Nebraska but sparsely populated, mostly ranchland in the Sandhills. Unincorporated areas very likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Valentine has its own municipal zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Cherry County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Cherry County is Nebraska's largest county by area but sparsely populated (pop. ~5,689) Sandhills ranch country. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cherrycountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31033 · Sidney

## Cheyenne County

Population 9,095 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cheyenne County is in the panhandle of Nebraska. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Sidney (county seat, home of Cabela's HQ historically) has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Cheyenne County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Cheyenne County (pop. ~9,095) is in the panhandle region. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cheyennecountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31035 · Clay Center

## Clay County

Population 6,203 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Clay County is a small rural south-central Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Clay Center has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Clay County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Clay County (pop. ~6,203) is a small rural county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.claycountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31037 · Schuyler

## Colfax County

Population 10,515 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Colfax County is a small eastern Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Schuyler has its own municipal zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Colfax County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Colfax County (pop. ~10,515) is a small eastern NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.colfaxcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31039 · West Point

## Cuming County

Population 8,936 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cuming County is a small rural northeastern Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of West Point has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Cuming County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Cuming County (pop. ~8,936) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cumingcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31041 · Broken Bow

## Custer County

Population 10,813 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Custer County is a large central Nebraska county in the Sandhills transition. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning given the predominantly agricultural character. City of Broken Bow has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Custer County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Custer County (pop. ~10,813) is a large but lightly populated central NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.custercountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31043 · Dakota City

# Dakota County

Population 20,995 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dakota County is a small northeastern Nebraska county bordering South Dakota and Iowa, including the city of South Sioux City. County zoning for unincorporated areas may include home occupation provisions. City of Dakota City and South Sioux City each have their own municipal zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Dakota County zoning regulations; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Dakota County (pop. ~20,995) includes South Sioux City metro area and borders IA/SD. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dakotacountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31045 · Chadron

## Dawes County

Population 8,702 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dawes County is in the Nebraska panhandle with the Pine Ridge area. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Chadron (home of Chadron State College) has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Dawes County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Dawes County (pop. ~8,702) is a panhandle county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dawescountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31047 · Lexington

## Dawson County

Population 23,595 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dawson County is a mid-sized central Nebraska county along the Platte River. County zoning for unincorporated areas may include home occupation provisions. City of Lexington has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Dawson County zoning regulations; check with county planning office

RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Dawson County (pop. ~23,595) is a larger rural county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dawsoncountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31049 · Chappell

# Deuel County

Population 1,796 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Deuel County is one of Nebraska's smallest counties in the panhandle. Unincorporated areas very likely have no county zoning or minimal regulations. City of Chappell has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Deuel County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Deuel County (pop. ~1,796) is one of Nebraska's smallest, most rural counties. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.deuelcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31051 · Ponca

## Dixon County

Population 5,695 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dixon County is a small rural northeastern Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Ponca has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Dixon County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Dixon County (pop. ~5,695) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dixoncountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31053 · Fremont

## Dodge County

Population 36,565 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dodge County is a larger Nebraska county with Fremont as the county seat (home of Midland University). County zoning for unincorporated areas likely includes home occupation provisions. City of Fremont has its own municipal zoning with home occupation regulations requiring a permit for in-home businesses.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Dodge County zoning regulations; check with Dodge County Planning & Zoning

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Dodge County (pop. ~36,565) is one of Nebraska's larger counties. City of Fremont likely has home occupation permit requirements for cottage food in residential zones. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found separate from state law. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.co.dodge.ne.us/planning>

<https://www.co.dodge.ne.us>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31057 · Benkelman

## Dundy County

Population 1,693 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** varies — Dundy County is one of Nebraska's smallest and most sparsely populated counties in the southwestern corner. Unincorporated areas almost certainly have no county zoning. City of Benkelman has its own municipal zoning.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Dundy County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Dundy County (pop. ~1,693) is one of Nebraska's smallest, most sparsely populated counties. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.dundycountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31059 · Geneva

## Fillmore County

Population 5,490 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Fillmore County is a small rural south-central Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Geneva has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Fillmore County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Fillmore County (pop. ~5,490) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.fillmorecountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31061 · Franklin

## Franklin County

Population 2,888 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Franklin County is a small, sparsely populated south-central Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas very likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Franklin has its own municipal zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Franklin County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Franklin County (pop. ~2,888) is a small, very rural county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://www.franklincountyne.gov>
- <https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>
- <https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31063 · Stockville

## Frontier County

Population 2,549 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Frontier County is a very small, sparsely populated county in southwestern Nebraska. Stockville is one of Nebraska's smallest county seats. Unincorporated areas almost certainly have no county zoning. Municipalities have their own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Frontier County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Frontier County (pop. ~2,549) is one of Nebraska's most rural counties. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.frontiercountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31065 · Beaver City

## Furnas County

Population 4,558 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Furnas County is a small rural county in south-central Nebraska. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Beaver City has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Furnas County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Furnas County (pop. ~4,558) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.furnascountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31067 · Beatrice

# Gage County

Population 21,612 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Gage County is a mid-sized southeastern Nebraska county. County zoning for unincorporated areas may include home occupation provisions. City of Beatrice has its own municipal zoning and may require a home occupation permit for cottage food operations in residential zones.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Gage County zoning regulations; check with Gage County Planning & Zoning

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Gage County (pop. ~21,612) is a larger SE NE county with Beatrice as county seat. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.gagecountyne.gov/planning>

<https://www.gagecountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31069 · Oshkosh

## Garden County

Population 1,837 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · MEDIUM

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required

WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Garden County is one of Nebraska's smallest, most sparsely populated counties in the panhandle. Unincorporated areas almost certainly have no county zoning. City of Oshkosh has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Garden County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Garden County (pop. ~1,837) is one of the most sparsely populated counties in Nebraska. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://www.gardencountyne.gov>
- <https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>
- <https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

## Garfield County

Population 1,978 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Garfield County is a small, sparsely populated county in north-central Nebraska Sandhills. Unincorporated areas almost certainly have no county zoning. City of Burwell has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Garfield County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Garfield County (pop. ~1,978) is a very small Sandhills county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.garfieldcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31073 · Elwood

## Gosper County

Population 2,014 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Gosper County is a small county in south-central Nebraska. Unincorporated areas very likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Elwood has its own municipal zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Gosper County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Gosper County (pop. ~2,014) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.gospercountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31075 · Hyannis

## Grant County

Population 614 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Grant County is one of the least populated counties in the United States, located in the Nebraska Sandhills. The county almost certainly has no county zoning. Hyannis is a very small unincorporated community. State law governs entirely.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Grant County has no known zoning regulations; state law governs

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Grant County (pop. ~614) is one of the least populated counties in the entire United States. No county zoning or cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31077 · Greeley

## Greeley County

Population 2,345 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Greeley County is a small, sparsely populated county in central Nebraska. Unincorporated areas almost certainly have no county zoning. City of Greeley has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Greeley County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Greeley County (pop. ~2,345) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.greeleycountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31081 · Aurora

## Hamilton County

Population 9,324 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Hamilton County is a small south-central Nebraska county along the Platte River. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Aurora has its own municipal zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Hamilton County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Hamilton County (pop. ~9,324) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hamiltoncountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31083 · Alma

## Harlan County

Population 3,381 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Harlan County is a small county in south-central Nebraska near the Harlan County Lake area. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Alma has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Harlan County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Harlan County (pop. ~3,381) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.harlancountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31085 · Hayes Center

# Hayes County

Population 929 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hayes County is one of the least populated counties in the United States, in southwestern Nebraska. Almost certainly no county zoning. Hayes Center is a very small community. State law governs entirely.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Hayes County has no known zoning regulations; state law governs

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Hayes County (pop. ~929) is one of the least populated counties in the U.S. No county zoning or cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31087 · Trenton

## Hitchcock County

Population 2,673 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hitchcock County is a small county in the southwestern corner of Nebraska. Unincorporated areas almost certainly have no county zoning. City of Trenton has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Hitchcock County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Hitchcock County (pop. ~2,673) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hitchcockcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31089 · O'Neill

## Holt County

Population 10,067 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Holt County is a large north-central Nebraska county known as the 'Irish Capital of Nebraska' (O'Neill). County zoning for unincorporated areas may include home occupation provisions. City of O'Neill has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Holt County zoning regulations; check with county planning office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Holt County (pop. ~10,067) is a large rural north-central NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.holtcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31091 · Mullen

## Hooker County

Population 691 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hooker County is one of the least populated counties in the United States, located in the Nebraska Sandhills. Almost certainly no county zoning. Mullen is a very small community. State law governs entirely.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Hooker County has no known zoning regulations; state law governs

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Hooker County (pop. ~691) is one of the least populated counties in the entire United States. No county zoning or cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31093 · Saint Paul

## Howard County

Population 6,274 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Howard County is a small rural central Nebraska county along the Loup River. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Saint Paul has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Howard County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Howard County (pop. ~6,274) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.howardcountyne.gov>
- <https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>
- <https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31095 · Fairbury

## Jefferson County

Population 7,263 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Jefferson County has adopted zoning regulations (most recently amended March 2023) covering unincorporated areas. The zoning regulations include an Article 8 section on Home Occupations (Section 8.2). Home occupation permits may be required for commercial activities conducted from a private residence in residential or agricultural-residential districts.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Jefferson County Zoning Regulations, Article 8, Section 8.2 (Home Occupations)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Jefferson County (pop. ~7,263) has adopted zoning regulations with a Home Occupations section (Art. 8, Sec. 8.2) that may apply to cottage food operations in residential districts. Zoning PDF confirmed at [jeffersoncounty.nebraska.gov](https://jeffersoncounty.nebraska.gov). State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://jeffersoncounty.nebraska.gov>

<https://jeffersoncounty.nebraska.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

[https://jeffersoncounty.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/JEFFERSON%20CO%20NEBRASKA%20ZONING%20REGULATIONS%20AMENDED\\_APPROVED%203\\_23\\_2023%20USE.pdf](https://jeffersoncounty.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/JEFFERSON%20CO%20NEBRASKA%20ZONING%20REGULATIONS%20AMENDED_APPROVED%203_23_2023%20USE.pdf)

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31097 · Tecumseh

## Johnson County

Population 5,217 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Johnson County is a small southeastern Nebraska county. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Tecumseh has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Johnson County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Johnson County (pop. ~5,217) is a small rural SE NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.johnsoncountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31099 · Minden

## Kearney County

Population 6,495 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Kearney County is a small south-central Nebraska county along the Platte River. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Minden has its own municipal zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Kearney County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Kearney County (pop. ~6,495) is a small rural NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kearneycountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31101 · Ogallala

## Keith County

Population 8,034 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Keith County is a western Nebraska county on the South Platte River with Lake McConaughy (Nebraska's largest reservoir). Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Ogallala has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Keith County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Keith County (pop. ~8,034) is a western NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.keithcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31103 · Springview

## Keya Paha County

Population 779 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Keya Paha County is one of the least populated counties in the United States, located in north-central Nebraska on the South Dakota border. Almost certainly no county zoning. State law governs entirely.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Keya Paha County has no known zoning regulations; state law governs

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Keya Paha County (pop. ~779) is one of the least populated counties in the United States. No county zoning or cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31105 · Kimball

## Kimball County

Population 3,632 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply

HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Kimball County is in the far western corner of the Nebraska panhandle. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Kimball has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Kimball County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Kimball County (pop. ~3,632) is in the far western panhandle. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kimballcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31107 · Center

## Knox County

Population 8,354 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Knox County is a northeastern Nebraska county bordering South Dakota, with the Missouri River forming its northern boundary. Unincorporated areas likely have minimal county zoning. City of Center has its own municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

### Relevant county code

Knox County zoning regulations if adopted; check with county office

RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Knox County (pop. ~8,354) is a northeastern NE county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.knoxcountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31111 · North Platte

# Lincoln County

Population 35,289 · State baseline: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direct-to-consumer sales only (farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, home pickup/delivery). No annual sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods permitted with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lincoln County is one of Nebraska's larger counties with North Platte as the county seat (a significant regional hub). County zoning for unincorporated areas likely includes home occupation provisions. City of North Platte has its own municipal zoning and may require a home occupation permit for cottage food operations in residential zones.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Lincoln County zoning regulations; check with Lincoln County Planning &amp; Zoning

### RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska Good-tier state. State law (§81-2,280 as amended by LB262, July 2024) is the primary framework. Lincoln County (pop. ~35,289) is one of Nebraska's larger counties by land area and population. North Platte is a significant regional hub. County and city home occupation permit requirements likely apply. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found separate from state law. State registration with NDA required. Direct sales only; no wholesale.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lincolncountyne.gov/planning>

<https://www.lincolncountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31113 · Stapleton

## Logan County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31115 · Taylor

## Loup County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31117 · Tryon

## McPherson County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31119 · Madison

## Madison County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31121 · Central City

## Merrick County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31123 · Bridgeport

## Morrill County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31125 · Fullerton

## Nance County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 31127 · Auburn

# Nemaha County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31129 · Nelson

# Nuckolls County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31131 · Nebraska City

# Otoe County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31133 · Pawnee City

# Pawnee County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31135 · Grant

# Perkins County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31137 · Holdrege

# Phelps County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31139 · Pierce

# Pierce County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31141 · Columbus

# Platte County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31143 · Osceola

# Polk County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31145 · McCook

# Red Willow County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31147 · Falls City

# Richardson County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31149 · Bassett

# Rock County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31151 · Wilber

# Saline County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31155 · Wahoo

# Saunders County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31157 · Gering

# Scotts Bluff County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31159 · Seward

# Seward County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31161 · Rushville

# Sheridan County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31163 · Loup City

# Sherman County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31165 · Harrison

# Sioux County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31167 · Stanton

# Stanton County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31169 · Hebron

# Thayer County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31171 · Thedford

# Thomas County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31173 · Pender

# Thurston County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31175 · Ord

# Valley County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31177 · Blair

# Washington County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31179 · Wayne

# Wayne County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31181 · Red Cloud

# Webster County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31183 · Bartlett

# Wheeler County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 31185 · York

# York County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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